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Media Will Dig Archaeology Training

Members of the print and broadcast media looking for a fascinating feature story are encouraged to participate in the first day of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's week-long Archaeological Site Protection Training in Redding on September 26, 2005.

The intent of this extremely unique course is to heighten awareness of California's heritage resources while providing project managers, staff, and landowners with guidance on successful methods to ensure resource protection.

This class will be attended by approximately 50 resource professionals who are responsible for planning and reviewing all forms of CDF projects including timber harvesting, controlled burns, wildfire suppression, and other land management activities across the 31 million acres of nonfederal land under CDF's jurisdiction.

Instructors include State Archaeologists, Consulting Archaeologists, Native Americans, Foresters, and Environmental Planners. Students that successfully complete this training are issued a certificate entitling them to perform limited archaeological survey work supporting CDF projects -- work that is completed under the careful oversight by a CDF staff archaeologist.

Over 2,700 professionals have completed the program since 1979. Each year these individuals find and protect several hundred archaeological and historical sites including Native American villages, petroglyphs, campsites, traditional gathering and use areas, and also many forms of historical sites.

For additional information on the training, contact Michael Jarvis at (916) 653-7711.